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CONTRACTING - GEN GREER Problem on W. Coast

23 July 1963

Gen Carter meeting w/Dr. McMillan

Among other topics: discussed above.

"d. I told him that my grapevine indicated that General Greer had decided to take over contracting of all of his projects. This was as of soday, a rumor which I had not verified nor had my people. I brought it up not as an issue but to point out that the one great and overwhelming asset of the CIA had in industrial relations was its tremendous flexibility in contracting and decision-making and its tremendous capability for covert or black contracting. I felt that any moves which tended to downgrade these capabilities were not in the best interests of NRO and certainly not in the best national interests of an exotic intelligence collection program. I got the impression he was in complete agreement although he did not comment.

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